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Minutes of Red Tape Review and Removal Task Force

July 31, 2012 – Legislative Office Building, Room 1C

Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Pryor convened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. An [agenda](#) was provided to all participants.

Task Force Members Present:

- Freeman Burr, Superintendent, Shelton Public Schools
- Ronald Goldstein, Chair of Board of Education, Colchester
- Tasia Kimball, Teacher, Amity Regional School District
- Donald Macrino, Principal, Waterford High School
- Sharron Solomon McCarthy, Special Education Teacher, New Haven Public Schools
- David Scata, Director of Special Education, East Haddam
- Michael Tetreau, First Selectman, Fairfield
- Danuta Thibodeau, Ph.D., Executive Director, Education Connection Regional Educational Service Center
- Charles Zettergren, Director of Finance and Operations, Rocky Hill Public Schools

Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Staff Present:

- Stefan Pryor, Commissioner of Education
- Charlene Russell-Tucker, Chief Operating Officer
- Adam Goldfarb, Chief of Staff
- Sarah Hemingway, Legislative Liaison
- Richard Cloud, Education Consultant, Bureau of Data Collection, Research and Evaluation
- Raymond Martin, Education Consultant, Bureau of Data Collection, Research and Evaluation
- Kari Sullivan, Education Service Specialist

Also present were two former CSDE staff:

- Kathy Guay
- Theresa DeFrancis

Public

- Approximately 15 members of the public were present.

Intent and Purpose of Task Force – CSDE Presentation

Commissioner Pryor, Adam Goldfarb and Kathy Guay presented a [PowerPoint](#) on the work CSDE has completed thus far on form elimination and consolidation, the role of the task force, and potential ways to address the work ahead.

Discussion: Potential Items for Task Force Consideration

Task Force members discussed initial ideas for potential further consideration. Those ideas included:

- Review of the CSDE's data acquisition plan to eliminate redundancy in data collection;

- Consolidation of data forms;
- Interoperability of data system across state agencies;
- Focusing on eliminating reporting requirements that don't benefit teaching and learning;
- Cutting down on regulations to release innovation;
- Putting systems in place that allow for innovation;
- Making data collection and other processes more efficient;
- Focusing on the core mission of student learning;
- Easing school building forms and requirements; trust municipalities to do their job;
- Focusing more money on classrooms and learning than on operations;
- Finding ways to streamline the forms process in order to save money
- Eliminating overdone or outdated regulations and operations; and
- Reviewing special education requirements not required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Discussion of Future Meeting Dates/Locations

- There was a brief discussion on the potential timeline for submitting items that would require legislative action, if the Task Force sought to do so, and on the Task Force's role in support of such potential legislation.
- CSDE staff will survey Task Force members to coordinate the next meeting date.
- The [Task Force Web site](http://www.ct.gov/sde/redtape) was announced (www.ct.gov/sde/redtape). The presentation from the meeting will be posted on that site.

Public Participation

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.